GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Scheme for Development of Minority Women
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any specific schemes are being implemented by Government for upliftment of women belonging to minority communities at present and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether funds are being provided in the States for their upliftment; and

(c) if so, the State-wise details of funds allocated/released and the number of women benefited under these schemes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a): Apart from other schemes which are available to all, including women, Ministry of Minority Affairs implements three specific schemes for women as below:-

(1) "Nai - Roshni" for Leadership Development of Minority Women specially for development of women belonging to notified minority communitiesnamely Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis and Jains with an aim to empower and instill confidence in women by providing knowledge, tool and techniques for interacting with Government system and others at all levels. The scheme is implemented through selected Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) all over the country.

(2) Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship for Meritorious Girls belonging to minorities implemented through Maulana Azad Education Foundation.

(3) Mahila Samridhi Yojana is implemented through National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC) wherein skill development training is imparted to group of women in women friendly trades. Training period is of maximum six months and raw material cost of upto Rs.1,500/- per trainee and stipend @ Rs.1000/- per trainee is provided. During the period of training, the women formed into Self Help Group, followed by infusion of micro-credit maximum upto Rs.1.00 lacs per member for the purpose of using the skill developed during the training, for income generation activities.

(b) &(c): State-wise details of funds allocated/released and number of women benefited under these schemes, from financial year 2014-15 to 2016-17(till 31.01.2017)as available are at Annexure.

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